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1. At 7:00 A.M. on 18 June 1953 traffic in both directions was blocked at the sector boundaries in Berlin. Unconfirmed reports indicate that the connection between East Berlin and the Russian zone was also blocked.

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2. [redacted] martial law was established in the Russian zone at 5:00 P.M. on 17 June.
3. Soviet tanks observed in Berlin on 17 June have been identified as belonging to the 19th Mechanized Regiment of the 1st Mechanized Division, stationed at the Löwenkaserne in Döberitz, and to the 35th or 37th Mechanized Regiment of the same division, stationed at the Flakkaserne in Döberitz.

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